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 TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements in the WITTENBERGE-WITTSTOCK Area

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the following Soviet troop movements in the WITTENBERGE (M 53/Y 69) - WITTSTOCK (N 54/U 11) area between 30 July and 12 August 1949:

29 July 1949

1. Train of 15 flatcars, carrying seven tanks and eight trucks with numbers of the E 1-11-xx series, proceeding from SEERHAUSEN (M 53/Y 68) via WITTENBERGE towards PERLEBERG (M 54/T 70).

29 July 1949

2. Several trucks, occupied by troops, passed through STENDAL (M 53/Y 85).

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30 July 1949

3. About 25 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, most of whom were recruits, came from the direction of STENDAL via WITTENBERGE proceeded towards PERLEBERG, allegedly going to the training area near SCHWEINRICH (N 54/U 22).

Trucks with numbers of the [REDACTED] were identified.

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4. About 40 trucks with numbers of the [REDACTED] series, came from the direction of STENDAL via WITTENBERGE proceeded towards PERLEBERG, allegedly going to the training area near SCHWEINRICH. The troops of the trucks were artillerymen and tank troops of the 1927 and 1928 classes. Four 76.2-mm guns were observed with the convoy.

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8 to 10 August 1949

5. Several trains of 15 to 20 railroad cars and empty flatcars each passed through WITZENBURG, proceeding towards STENDAL. Each train carried four guns of about 80 mm caliber, allegedly antiaircraft guns, and five or six trucks with numbers of the B 2-59-xx series.

8 to 10 August 1949

6. Several truck convoys with a total of about 30 trucks, each occupied by about 15 troops, came from the direction of STENDAL via WITZENBURG, heading north-east. Numbers of the [REDACTED] were observed.

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11 to 14 August 1949

7. Small truck convoys and individual trucks, occupied by troops, came from the direction of STENDAL via WITZENBURG proceeding towards PARNAG-BURG-WITTSFOCK.

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Comment:

a. The report is considered generally true. Most of the troops belonged to component units of the 18th Meck Div, according to the evaluation of motor vehicle numbers. Motor vehicles of this division were identified at the Weizling Heath in the summer of 1949. However, the mass of the division is believed to have held summer exercises in the WITTSFOCK training area.

b. The motor vehicle numbers observed on the train on 29 July 1949 were presumably misidentified. No motor vehicles of the 8th Jds Meck Div have yet been seen in the third shock army area.

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